

Trevor's triumphant return



Above: Trevor and young patient Jax celebrate the toy dinosaur's return to Medical Short Stay Ward at the WCH

A missing toy from the Women's and Children's Hospital has made a triumphant return home after a whirlwind tour of the state's newest hospital.

The unusual tour began on Wednesday morning when a visiting family at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) handed the toy dinosaur into lost property.

Luckily Kyri Hamence, a Volunteer Guide at the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) and a Switchboard Operator at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH), saw the dinosaur and recognised a familiar acronym on his belly. "I noticed 'MSSW' was written on him and my Volunteer Guide knowledge snapped into play," Ms Hamence said.

"I knew there wasn't a Medical Short Stay Ward - or MSSW - at the RAH so he must have made his way from the Women's and Children's Hospital. After a quick phone call to the WCH Play Therapists to confirm his identity, the switchboard team at the RAH named him Trevor and decided to make the most of his surprise hospital visit.

Documenting his entire journey with photos, Trevor was introduced to the RAH Volunteer Guides, taken for a wheelchair ride and visited some of the

gardens at the new hospital. "He also helped the switchboard team answer calls and learnt about the importance of practising good hand hygiene," Ms Hamence said.

Ella Gleeson, the Nurse Unit Manager of the MSSW, said it was a relief to have Trevor returned, and he had been sorely missed.

"He's a bit of a favourite on the ward and we were glad to have him back," Ms Gleeson said.

Now safely back home, Trevor can continue his important job of supporting the health and wellbeing of children in the MSSW.



Above: From Trevor's pictorial travel diary